## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein the <u>first</u> polymer contains at least one of polyimides, acrylic polymers, polymers having an alicyclic structure and fluorocarbon resins formed by homo-polymerizing or co-polymerizing fluorine-containing monomers.
- 3. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 2, wherein the fluorine-containing monomers comprise at least one of fluoroolefines, fluorovinylether, vinylidene fluoride, vinyl fluoride, chlorofluoroolefines, and fluorovinylether having carboxylic groups or sulfonic groups.
- 4. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein said <u>first</u> polymer contains 10% by weight or more fluorine atoms.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein said <u>first</u> polymer has a cross-linked structure.
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled)

- 11. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein said solvent comprises at least one of alcohols, aromatic hydrocarbons, ketones, esters, chlorofluorocarbons, and superpure-water.
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device, comprising:
- <u>a) an anti-reflective coating forming step for forming an anti-reflective</u> coating by coating [[the]] <u>a</u> composition for an anti-reflective coating according to claim 1 on over a semiconductor substrate[[;]], the composition including:
  - i) a first polymer containing fluorine; and
  - ii) a solvent for dissolving said first polymer;
- <u>b)</u> a resist film forming step for forming a resist film <u>of a polymer</u> containing fluorine on the anti-reflective coating formed in said anti-reflective coating forming step; and
- c) an exposure step for radiating exposure light onto the resist film formed in said resist film forming step.
- 16. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein said anti-reflective coating forming step comprises a heating step for further comprising:
- <u>d)</u> heating the semiconductor substrate on which the anti-reflective coating is formed between steps a) and b).

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- 17. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 16, wherein said heating step d) is performed at a temperature between 100°C and 250°C for 30 seconds to 60 minutes.
- 18. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 16, wherein said heating step d) is performed in an oxygen atmosphere.
- 19. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 16, wherein [[the]] <u>a</u> thickness of the anti-reflective coating is made 150 nm or less in said heating step.
- 20. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein [[the]] <u>a</u> wavelength of the exposure light radiated in said exposure step is 254 nm or less.